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National Security Council Intelligence Committee  
WORKING GROUP

Minutes of the Seventh Meeting  
1430 Hours, 4 April 1973  
DCI Conference Room, CIA Headquarters

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[REDACTED] Chairman presiding. Members present were: Mr. Andrew Marshall, NSC Staff; Dr. Ray S. Cline and Mr. Seymour Weiss, Department of State; Dr. Albert C. Hall, Major General H. P. Smith (representing Vice Adm. de Poix) and Brig. General Richard A. Bresnahan (representing Lt. General Seith), Department of Defense; Mr. Bernard A. Wells (representing Mr. Maroney), Department of Justice; Dr. Edward W. Proctor, Mr. John A. Azenga, 25X1A9a Donald H. Steininger, CIA. Others present: [REDACTED] Executive Secretary; Capt. George Pickett, NSC Staff; Mr. Richard Curl, Department of State and Mr. Patrick J. Parker, Department of Defense.

Agenda Item 1: Minutes of the 3 October meeting

The minutes distributed on 4 October were approved without change.

Agenda Item 2: Questions to be Answered on Soviet ICBM's

Discussion centered around the summary compilation which had been made from the lists of questions submitted by representatives of the NSCIC principals, and the follow-on questionnaire which the Chairman proposed as the next step in the project. Comments indicated some of the submissions were meant to list what information was important without regard to whether it is already at hand, and some focused only on information the U.S. still needs to acquire.

The group was generally opposed to use of the questionnaire presented by the Chairman and considerable discussion centered about what the project was intended to accomplish. The Chairman emphasized he was seeking answers to two questions: What

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is being reported which doesn't need to be because the user isn't interested? And, what do users really use?

It was decided that:

a. Copies of all the original submissions be sent to each member of the Working Group.

b. The Chairman would develop a paper for submission to the Working Group indicating how he would propose to develop the project, and

c. Further discussion of this topic would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Review of Intelligence Support to NSSM-69 Follow-on

Discussion focused primarily on the interface between intelligence and policy formulation and whether the tone of the review was too optimistic as regards the support provided by intelligence while NSSM-69 was in preparation.

The group decided no issues had been raised which would call for referring the paper to the NSCIC for issuance of guidance, but that, instead, it should be sent to the Director of Central Intelligence, with a request that he forward it to the heads of intelligence production organizations for their in-house use as appropriate.

A report from the production managers on actions taken relating to the findings of the review will be scheduled as an agenda item for future Working Group meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Cruise Missile Study

Since the Chairman's memorandum of 26 February had proposed that the Group forward the study directly to the DCI for implementing action, and General Seith in a memorandum of 14 March had questioned whether this was within the Terms of Reference of the group, the discussion began with consideration of a proposed revision of the Terms of Reference submitted by the Chairman.

Several members requested additional time to consider the revisions and respond by telephone.

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As proposed by Dr. Cline, the group noted the study and then decided that it should not go forward to the NSCIC but should be sent to the DCI for his dissemination to intelligence production managers. General Bresnahan, representing General Seith, concurred.

Agenda Item 5: "The Arab-Israeli ceasefire of 1970" and "Jordan-1970: A Case Study"

Mr. Marshall expressed dissatisfaction with the draft summary and NSCIC memorandum which had been disseminated 27 March and he proposed that either he prepare an alternative summary or a small sub-group be set up to prepare one. After considerable discussion of the need for proposals relating to specific follow-on actions resulting from the crisis studies, the group decided that a committee consisting of Mr. Marshall, State, DOD and CIA representatives would reexamine the studies, prepare a new summary and proposed actions to be recommended to NSCIC. The new materials are to be ready for distribution to Working Group members in about two weeks and will be an agenda topic at the next Working Group meeting on 25 April.

Agenda Item 6: Progress Report on the Yugoslavia Study

Dr. Cline and Mr. Marshall reported the study was coming along well and completion is expected by June.

Agenda Item 7: Discussion of the Future Work Program

The Chairman said he anticipated an accelerated program, and solicited recommendations.

The Chairman noted that a new DCI Planning Guidance is being drafted, of a more specific nature than the guidance paper disseminated in January 1973, and that it might be useful to obtain Working Group comments on the new document.

Dr. Cline raised the possibility that the group might be used in crisis situations for resolution of problems involving policy/intelligence interface.

Dr. Proctor commented there is need for a mechanism to provide a single flow of crisis reporting to top levels, and he suggested consideration of formation of a single center, where representation from all intelligence agencies would sit and produce community reports rather than have the users of intelligence get reports from a variety of sources.

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The Chairman briefly described a proposal his staff is developing for a technical hookup between current intelligence offices and policy level offices by audio-visual methods.


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The meeting adjourned at 25X1A9a hours, to meet again on 25 April 1973.

  
Chairman, NSCIC Working Group

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